

ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Message from Assessor La

Dear Residents of Alameda County,

We are all switching gears as summer comes to an end and back-to-school season is upon us. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy as we continue to navigate the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

September is National Preparedness Month! As we all know too well, disasters and emergencies can strike at any time and this is a great reminder of how important it is to prepare. Preparedness involves making a plan with family and friends, building a kit of supplies in case of emergency, prepare by knowing the risk of disasters in your area and checking your insurance, and teaching your children about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case they are separated from loved ones. For more information and resources on disaster and emergency preparedness, check out Alameda County Social Services Agency's <u>website</u> and <u>Ready.gov</u>. I encourage you all to take the time to prepare and protect.

Earlier this month we celebrated Labor Day. This holiday was first declared as a

federal holiday in 1894; however, it was recognized by labor activists and individual states as early as 1882. Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September.

Free Legal Clinic to Help Answer Questions:

The Property Transfer Clinic (PTC) is here to help! The PTC is a *free* legal clinic available to assist property/business owners and constituents. The PTC is available on the third Thursday and Friday of each month. I continue to work with the Alameda County Law Library, the Alameda County Bar Association, Legal Access Alameda, and the Alameda County Library to maintain this clinic and make it available to Alameda County residents who do not have access to an attorney. The upcoming PTC dates are September 16 and 17. Sign up <u>HERE</u>!

Community Engagement:

The Assessor's Office will attend the upcoming Annual Autumn Job Fair on Thursday, September 23 from 2pm-4:30 pm at Alameda's South Shore Shopping Center. Stop by and find out what job opportunities are available at our office! Please keep in mind that event details continue to change frequently due to the ongoing pandemic – make sure to follow-up for the most up-to-date information.

Please let the Assessor's Office know if your city, chamber of commerce, or organization is hosting an in-person or virtual event that you would like the Assessor's Office to attend.

Additionally, let the Assessor's Office know if there is a specific topic you would like to see covered in a future webinar. I encourage you to fill out the poll with possible topics <u>HERE</u>.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and tell others to <u>sign up for our newsletter</u> to get notified of upcoming events and important dates and deadlines.

As always, we remain committed to serving the residents of Alameda County.

Sincerely,

Phong La Alameda County Assessor

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

September 6

Labor Day

September 7

Rosh Hashanah

September 12	Oakland Pride Virtual Parade & Festival
	Solano Avenue Association: Sidewalk-a-Faire
September 16	Yom Kippur
September18	<i>Splatter</i> , the City of Dublin's end-of-summer festival at Emerald Glen Park – Enjoy food, wine, art, and music. Festivities begin at noon and will conclude with an evening concert, beginning at 7:00pm. (<u>https://www.dublin.ca.gov/1145/Splatter</u>)
September 23	City of Alameda's Annual Autumn Job Fair at South Shore Shopping Center from 2:00pm-4:30pm.
September 24-26	626 Night Market at the Alameda County Fairgrounds – enjoy food, merchandise, crafts, arts, and entertainment (<u>https://www.626nightmarket.com/</u>).
September 30	The 18th Annual Healthy Living Festival Drive-Thru at Oakland Zoo (<u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/18th-annual-healthy-living-festival-free-drive-thru-event-registration-162715403151</u>)
	Deadline for qualifying renters to apply for state rental assistance through the \$5.2 billion Housing is Key program. <u>Submit your application ASAP</u> .

*Please note that event details continue to update frequently due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Assessor in the Community

The Property Transfer Clinic will take place on September 16 and September 17. Please visit the link <u>here</u> to make an appointment with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation.

PROPERTY TRANSFER CLINIC

Do you have questions about:

- The assessment process in Alameda County
- Transferring property to family members
- What happens to property after the death of a loved one
- Common exclusions from reassessment

Visit <u>https://guides.aclibrary.org/lawyers</u> and click **Schedule an Appointment** to talk with a volunteer attorney for a **FREE** 30-minute consultation

Clinics are held every third Thursday and Friday of the month.

> Upcoming dates: September 16 and 17, 2021 October 14 and 15, 2021 November 18 and 19, 2021

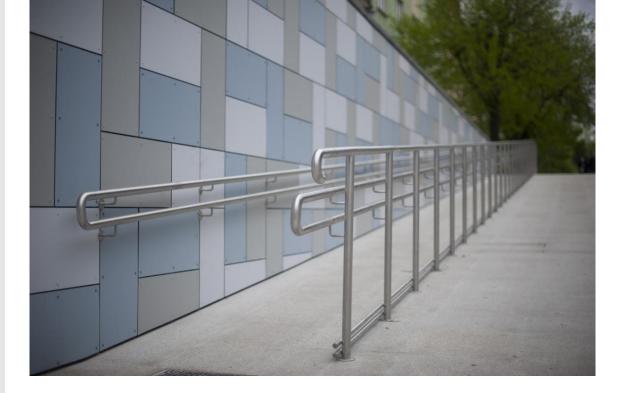




The Property Transfer Clinic is a partnership between the Alameda County Library, the Alameda County Law Library and Legal Access Alameda. It is funded by the Alameda County Assessor's office.

Resources

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance & Small Businesses How to protect your small business against ADA lawsuits



What is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and how can it impact your business?

People with disabilities are entitled to full and equal access to places of public accommodation, transportation carriers, lodging places, recreation and amusement facilities, and other business establishments where the general public is invited.

The ADA is a federal civil rights law designed to ensure equal access, full inclusion, and participation for people with disabilities or impairments. In addition to the ADA, the State of California has disability rights laws, codes, and regulations.

Under the ADA, there are 12 categories of public accommodations, including stores, restaurants, bars, services establishments, theaters, hotels, recreational facilities, private museums and schools, medical offices, shopping malls, and other businesses. Businesses that are covered by the ADA are required to modify their business policies and procedures when necessary to serve customers with disabilities. This includes removal of architectural barriers in existing buildings.

Even though California Building Code requires that businesses make accessibility improvements *only* when they are doing other construction or renovation, the entire business location must still comply with the ADA barrier removal requirements. The only defense for not being fully accessible is if the necessary improvements are not currently readily achievable.

ADA lawsuits are very common and are easily filed. Under the ADA, any person with a disability may assert a claim against a place of public accommodation. The business owner need not intend to create an accessibility barrier to be held liable. Additionally, there is no notice of violation requirement or demand for relief prior to filing a claim. To file a claim, the plaintiff need not suffer compensable monetary damages. Furthermore, a technical violation of the ADA is sufficient to warrant a claim – whether the violation actually prevented a disabled person from accessing the business' goods or services is

irrelevant.

Recently, ADA lawsuits targeting small stores and minority-owned businesses have risen. ADA lawsuits can cost small businesses tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees and settlements in addition to construction costs. It is important to invest in your business by proactively ensuring your business is in compliance with ADA accessibility requirements.

What can I do to protect my business from ADA lawsuits?

Being proactive is the best way to ensure your business is ADA compliant. An access inspection and "readily achievable" compliance before a lawsuit is filed is the best way to protect your business from an ADA lawsuit.

Evaluate access at your facility and familiarize yourself with the ADA requirements. When undertaking new construction or alteration of your facility, consider ADA requirements in the process.

Hiring a certified inspector can help protect you and your business in the event that you are sued. Certified Access Specialists (CASp) are inspectors that have been tested and certified by the State as an expert in disability access laws. A business can hire a CASp to inspect their building and ensure compliance with disability access standards. Following the inspection, the inspector writes a report and can identify "readily achievable" barriers for removal to assist the business owner with compliance. If you or your business receives a letter(s) by a person with a disability claiming that they encountered an accessibility barrier while visiting your business, do not ignore it. This can be a precursor to a lawsuit.

How much does an inspection and construction cost?

The cost for hiring a certified inspector to inspect a location for ADA compliance varies depending on the size of the location, the type of building, whether there are public restrooms, and other factors. On average, an inspection can cost approximately \$800-\$2,000.

The cost for ADA compliance-related construction depends on the type of alterations required. The average cost to comply with a plaintiff's requested barrier removal is approximately \$4,000. While there may be an up-front construction cost, ADA lawsuits can result in tens of thousands of dollars.

Available benefits for being ADA-Compliant

There are benefits and other resources available to small business owners who proactively address ADA non-compliance.

SB-1608 & Certified Access Specialists

Under SB-1608, Certified Access Specialist (CASp) reports provide a defense against lawsuits if the business obtained a CASp report before being sued. If a business has a CASp report and is thereafter sued in state court for non-accessibility, a CASp inspection report or a final job card from a CASp-certified building inspector makes you eligible to request a 90-day stay of the lawsuit, as well as an Early Evaluation Conference (EEC) to explore fair settlements.

Exclusion from Assessment

Qualifying property owners who perform construction, installation, removal, or modification to an existing building or structure to make it more accessible to or useable by a disabled person, may be eligible to file for an exclusion from reassessment. (Revenue and Taxation Code Section 74.6).

To claim this exclusion from assessment, the property owner must file a "Claim for Disabled Accessibility Construction Exclusion from Assessment for ADA Compliance" BOE-63-A form with the Alameda County Assessor's Office prior to, or within 30 days of, the completion of construction. All documents necessary to support the exclusion shall be filed by the property owner with the Assessor no later than six months after the completion of the project.

The exclusion does not apply to the construction of an entirely new commercial building or structure, or the construction of an entirely new addition to an existing commercial building or structure. Please note that exclusions differ for residential properties. For information about exclusions for construction, installation, or modification of any portion or structural component of an existing single- or multiple-family dwelling, refer to Assessor's Handbook 510, pages 53-54.

The claim for exclusion form is available on the Board of Equalization website, as well as the Alameda County Office of the Assessor website (<u>https://www.acassessor.org/forms-brochures/</u>).

Tax Benefits

Tax credits and deductions are available to help owners pay for an inspection and construction costs. Small businesses may be eligible to receive a credit up to \$5,000. All businesses may receive deductions up to \$15,000 per year for qualified accessibility expenses. For more information on tax credits and deductions to assist small businesses to comply with the ADA, refer to the Internal Revenue Service Code Section 44 (Disable Access Credit) and Section 190 (Deduction).

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City Profile: Oakland

In each Newsletter, the Assessor's Office will profile a different city or unincorporated area in our County.



Photo of a Lake Merritt & Downtown Oakland, including the Alameda County Courthouse

The City of Oakland, commonly called "the Town," is located on the inner, central part of the Bay Area, sitting just across the Bay Bridge from San Francisco. With a growing population of almost 450,000, Oakland is divided into six major districts: Central Business District, East Oakland, Lake Merritt, North Oakland, West Oakland, and the Oakland Hills. Oakland has 100 vibrant and diverse residential and business neighborhoods within these districts, including Uptown/Downtown, Grand Lake, Lake Merritt, Rockridge, and Jack London Square, each rich with culture and their own identity. Oakland is flush with arts, entertainment and activities, as well as top bars, restaurants, and stores. The City is a hub of business services, health care, manufacturing, transportation, and other services. The City also boasts a deepwater port that covers 19 miles of waterfront along the Oakland Estuary between Alameda Island and San Francisco Bay shore.

The Oakland area was originally inhabited by Costanoan Indians during what is commonly referred to as the "Ohlone period." Today, Oakland is one of an estimated 425 shellmound sites in the greater Bay Area. Shellmounds are man-made mounds of earth and organic matter built up by humans over thousands of years and were often used as burial locations and/or centers of community life for the local Indigenous population. By the late 18th century, the Spanish began exploring the East Bay area followed by logging and the California Gold Rush in 1849. The City officially got its name "Oakland" in 1852, for the large groves of oak trees that once lined the grassy plain of that area.

Since its inception, Oakland has been a melting pot of cultures, race, and ethnicities. However, the City has also struggled with inequities and injustice, such as the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act (the first law to prevent a specific ethnic group from immigrating to the U.S.), the 1940/50s federal housing redlining policy, which excluded communities of color from homeownership, and various infrastructure changes that physically cut off primarily African American neighborhoods, destroying community cohesion and economic viability in those areas. From this struggle, Oakland established a long history of community and political activism. Oakland was a key center for change in the 1960s when massive civil rights demonstrations resulted in the creation of the Civil Rights Acts. During this time, the City was home to various community groups like the Black Panther Party, Oakland Community Organizations (PICO/OCO), Unity Council, Intertribal Friendship House, and many more that continue to fight for equal access.

Today, Oakland has one of the oldest Chinatowns in the United States, which was settled in the 1850s, shortly after the Gold Rush. Oakland hosts several higher education institutions, including Holy Names University, Mills College, and California College of the Arts. It is home to the Oakland Athletics MLB team. The City also offers a symphony orchestra and ballet, numerous dance and theatre companies, the Oakland Museum of California, the Chabot Space and Science Center, and the Oakland Zoo.

There are plenty of outdoor activities available in Oakland with Lake Merritt (the first official wildlife refuge in the U.S., declared in 1870); hiking trails and park areas throughout the Oakland Hills and at city and regional parks; Lake Temescal; and the Bay Trail along the Oakland Estuary. Additionally, you can easily explore some of Oakland's historical sites, including the USS Potomac, which served as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Yacht from 1936 until his death in 1945; Mountain View Cemetery, designed by famed architect Frederick Law Olmsted (the same landscape architect who designed New York City's Central Park and much of UC Berkeley and Stanford University campuses), is a resting place for many of California's historical figures, including various mayors and governors of California, Anthony Chabot, Julia Morgan, Fred Korematsu, and rapper Mac Dre; the restored Fox Oakland Theatre; Heinold's First and Last Saloon, a historic bar in Jack London Squire that has been open for business since 1884, is the site where Jack London studied and wrote his notes for *The Sea Wolf* and *Call of the Wild*; the historic ice cream parlor, Fenton's Creamery, which opened in 1894 and appeared in Pixar Studio's "Up" and much more.

To learn more about Oakland and California's rich history, you can visit the Oakland Museum of California's Gallery of California History, which is open with <u>reservations</u>.

In step with National Preparedness Month, Oakland's Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] provides resources and training to #ReadyOakland. There is currently a waitlist for CERT training, but you can still register and be placed on a waitlist. Check out <u>CERT</u> for more information!

Oakland continues to flourish with new programs in the works. Thanks to the dedication of essential workers who continued to work throughout the pandemic, more than 40 miles of street were paved in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, improving neighborhood streets throughout the City. Recently, the Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) relaunched the Street Mural Program, <u>Paint the Town!</u> Keep up to date on things happening in Oakland by visiting the City of Oakland <u>website</u>, the <u>Oakland Chamber of Commerce</u>, <u>Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce</u>, and <u>Visit Oakland</u>.

CONTACT

WEBSITE:

https://www.oaklandca.gov/

CITY ADDRESS: 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza Oakland, CA 94612

CITY OF OAKLAND COVID-19 RELATED RESOURCES

TESTING & RESPONSE

Find out how and where to get tested for COVID-19 in Oakland <u>HERE</u>.

VACCINATION

Find out how and where to receive your COVID-19 vaccine in Oakland <u>HERE</u>.

COVID-19 RELIEF RESOURCES

<u>Food Pick-Up & Delivery</u>: Food distribution points are available in Oakland. For information about locations and eligibility requirements, check <u>HERE</u>.

<u>Business & Employee Resources</u>: The City of Oakland has additional resources available to employees and small business impacted by COVID-19. Check <u>HERE</u> for more information.

<u>Housing Resources</u>: Tenants and property owners may be eligible for Oakland's 'Keep Oakland Housed' emergency rental assistance program. For more information about what resources are available, check <u>HERE</u>.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OAKLAND

For an updated calendar of events check <u>City of Oakland</u> and <u>Visit Oakland</u>. For information about public meetings, including the City of Oakland Boards and Commissions, check <u>HERE</u>. To join a team, reserve a field, or schedule an activity throughout Oakland, go <u>HERE</u>.

September 11	Rockridge Rock-N-Stroll (every second Saturday) for more information, check <u>HERE</u> .
	The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center's 4th Anniversary Celebration with Pride in the Park. Find out how to participate <u>HERE</u> .
September 12	Oakland Pride Virtual Parade & Festival. Find out more <u>HERE</u> .
September 24	Oakland A's Game & Fireworks night.

September 30	18th Annual Healthy Living Festival Drive-Thru at the Oakland Zoo. Register <u>HERE</u> .
October 1	Oakland First Fridays festival returns. Check <u>HERE</u> for additional details.

Additional Resources

There are numerous housing resources and financial support programs available for qualifying renters and landlords in Alameda County and throughout California.

If you do not qualify for a local program, you may still qualify for the State program. Renters must apply for the state rental assistance program by <u>September 30th</u> in order to be protected under the statewide eviction moratorium, which expires on that date. <u>Submit your application ASAP</u>.

Support is available NOW, so please check out the resources below.



Are you a renter with difficulty paying your rent, or a landlord whose tenant has been unable to pay rent?

CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF

Budget bill AB 832 provides \$5.2 billion to help struggling California renters by covering rent that a tenant may owe for as far back as April 2020.

> For info on eligibility & how to apply, visit: https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index.html





Funded by Alameda County Measure A1 and approved by Alameda County taxpayers

Ready to buy your first home? Down payment assistance is available!

AC Boost provides financial assistance to middleincome working households to purchase a home in Alameda County. The program offers **shared equity loans of up to \$210,000** to first-time homebuyers who live, work, or have been displaced from Alameda County. Application deadlines apply!

Learn more at acboost.org



¿Listo para comprar tu primera casa?

AC Boost ofrece préstamos de asistencia para el pago inicial de hasta \$ 210,000 para compradores de vivienda por primera vez que viven o trabajan en el Condado de Alameda o que han sido desplazados del Condado de Alameda. Asistencia en español está disponible.

Bạn đã sẵn sàng để mua ngôi nhà đầu tiên?

AC Boost cung cấp các khoản vay hỗ trợ thanh toán trước lên tới 210.000\$ cho những người mua nhà lần đầu sống hoặc làm việc tại Hạt Alameda hoặc những người phải chuyển nhà khỏi Hạt Alameda. Có hỗ trợ bằng tiếng Việt.



acboost.org (510) 500-8840 acboost@hellohousing.org





準備購買你的第一間房屋嗎?

Handa na bang bumili ng unang bahay ninyo?

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AC Boost 提供 \$210,000 首期貸款幫助,

Ang AC Boost ay nag-aalok ng tulong sa paunang pagbayad na mga pautang ng may hanggang \$210,000 para sa mga unagng-beses na mamimili ng bahay na nakatira o nagtratrabaho sa Alameda County o sinumang napaalis mula sa Alameda County. May pagtulong sa Tagalog na magagamit.

AC Boost is funded by Measure A1 Affordable Housing Bond funds and administered by nonprofit organization Hello Housing on behalf of the County of Alamedia.

The County of Alameda and Helio Housing do not discriminate against any person on the grounds of rase, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, source of income, generic information, medical condition, physical disability or mental disability, or any other category protected by law.

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COVID-19 RENT RELIEF

Struggling to pay rent? Have past due utility bills? Are you a housing provider who is owed rent?

You may be eligible for the **Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

- Income is no greater than \$65,250 for a 4-person household
- Qualify for unemployment or experiencing financial hardship
- At risk of experiencing housing instability or homelessness

TO APPLY

Visit: hpp.bayareacs.org

Or call one of our partners:

Bay Area Community Services

Catholic Charities East Bay

Eviction Defense Center

510-899-9289

510-860-4985 510-452-4541

For more information visit: oaklandca.gov/emergencyrent

Email: HousingAssistance@oaklandca.gov Call: 510-238-6182

CITY OF OAKLAND

Keep Oakland HOUSED

As a result of COVID-19, are you...

Struggling to pay rent? Owe your landlord past due rent? Owe past due payments on utility bills? Are you a landlord who is owed rent?

Keep Fremont Housed Assistance Program

In April 2021, as part of a federal relief package, the City's Human Services Department will be launching **Keep Fremont Housed** to assist Fremont households and landlords financially impacted by COVID-19

Keep Fremont Housed program will:

- Help renters pay past due rent or future rent
- Help renters get caught up on utility bills
- · Help landlords supplement owed rent

Sign Up Now

Receive future updates about **Keep Fremont Housed** via email. Visit Fremont.gov/RentalAssistanceList or Call Family Resource Center at 510.574.2028







Program Eligibility for Renters

- Rental unit must be located in Fremont
- Renter has household income at or below 80% of Area Median Income
- Renter qualifies for unemployment or has experienced reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Renter demonstrates risk of experiencing housing instability or homelessness

Priority given to households who have experienced unemployment for 90 days preceding their program application or have a household income at or below 50% of Area Median Income



ALAMEDA COUNTY IS NOW OPEN

On June 15, 2021, the State of California officially re-opened. Almost all public health restrictions have been lifted; however, **all Bay Area Counties have re-instated the mask mandate for indoor public settings regardless of vaccine status**. Alameda County is fully aligned with the <u>California State Reopening Plan</u> and State

recommendations for fully vaccinated people. Everyone must wear a mask on public transportation and in other limited settings, such as K-12 schools, childcare, state and local correctional facilities, homeless shelters, emergency centers, and cooling centers.

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

All Alameda County residents, ages 12+ are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Alameda County. Please be advised that the Pfizer vaccine is approved for persons ages 12+; the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines are only approved for persons ages 18+. Additionally, the CDC recommends people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine after the initial two doses. The CDC does not recommend additional doses or booster shots for any other population at this time.

A comprehensive list of vaccination sites in Alameda County, searchable by Zip Code, can be found <u>HERE</u>.

CARES ACT FUNDING State, Local, and Tribunal

In response to COVID-19, the U.S. Congress passed the CARES Act, which provides for payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The CARES Act established the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

OAKLAND - <u>click here</u> EMERYVILLE - <u>click here</u> LIVERMORE - <u>click here</u>

Deferred Rent Programs ALAMEDA POINT - <u>click here</u>

Child Care For Child Care in Alameda County - <u>click here</u>

Covid-19 Testing Interactive map to find testing sites and schedule appointments - <u>click here</u>

Food Distribution Interactive map to find food, testing, and services in Alameda County - <u>click here</u>

Immigrants Covid-19 Disaster Relief Assistance for immigrants - <u>click here</u>

Employment Alameda County Workforce Development Board - <u>click here</u>

SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT RESOURCES

Small Business/Nonprofit COVID-19 Grant Relief Program

The State Legislature and Governor Newsom approved significant financial support for businesses impacted by the pandemic, particularly small businesses and nonprofits. The Legislature recently passed an additional \$2.1 billion in grants for small business and nonprofits. This builds upon the \$500 million program that began in December 2020. Small businesses and nonprofits with 2019 revenues of up to \$2.5 million are eligible. Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The most recent round of grant applications opened Wednesday, April 28 through the California <u>Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program</u>. Applicants not selected to receive a grant in a previous round do not need to re-apply and will be automatically considered in this round of grant applications.

Additionally, small arts, entertainment, and cultural organizations that have not yet received a grant or applied for one are eligible for this grant round that opened on April 28. Applications can be submitted <u>here</u>.

Targeted and Supplemental Targeted EIDL Advances

Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) is currently available for small businesses! EIDL provides funds of up to \$10,000 to businesses and nonprofits located in low-income areas that suffered a reduction in revenue of greater than 30% and have 300 or fewer employees. Unlike grants, this supplemental aid does not need to be repaid. Check <u>HERE</u> for more information about EIDL advances.

Alameda Façade Grant Program

The City of Alameda re-opened its Façade Grant Program that provides business and property owners with matching grants to improve their storefront and enhance the city's retail districts. Under this program, eligible business and property owners may receive matching grants up to \$15,000 for exterior painting, new awnings and signs, and refurbishment of architectural features. Applications are now open. There are four application deadlines, the first deadline is September 16, 2021. For more information about the grant program, including guidelines and deadlines, check <u>HERE</u>.

Dublin Commercial Rent Relief Grant Program & Outdoor Operations Grant Program

The City of Dublin has two grant programs available to assist small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The Commercial Rent Relief Grant Program is designed aid small businesses in their economic recovery by providing a one-time \$10,000 grant to qualified small business tenants at least \$10,000 in rent arrears paid directly to the commercial landlord. For more information, check <u>HERE</u>. The Outdoor Operations Grant Program helps local eating establishments and retailers in Dublin that wish to provide an outdoor area for dining or shopping. The program will reimburse a variety of eligible expenses related to long-term temporary or permanent outdoor operations incurred by the business. For more information about this program, check <u>HERE</u>.

Business Tax Relief

On April 29, 2021, Governor Newsom signed a business tax relief bill that enables California businesses that received Forgiven PPP loans to deduct from their California state taxes, all business expenses paid for using the Forgiven PPP loan. To be eligible, a business must have received a Forgiven PPP loan, experienced a reduction in gross receipts of 25% or more in 2020 as compared to the same time period in 2019, and not be a publicly traded company.

Agencies

Alameda County Small Business Development Center - <u>click here</u> Small Business Administration Loans - <u>click here</u> California Small Business Development Center - <u>click here</u> California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development - <u>click here</u> Alameda County Workforce Development - <u>click here</u> U.S. Small Business Administration - <u>click here</u>

Business Resources by City

ALBANY - <u>click here</u> ALAMEDA - <u>click here</u> BERKELEY - <u>click here</u> DUBLIN - <u>click here</u> EMERYVILLE - <u>click here</u> FREMONT - <u>click here</u> HAYWARD - <u>click here</u> LIVERMORE - <u>click here</u> NEWARK - <u>click here</u> OAKLAND - <u>click here</u> PIEDMONT - <u>click here</u> PLEASANTON - <u>click here</u> SAN LEANDRO - <u>click here</u> UNION CITY - <u>click here</u>

Available Grants for Businesses Pleasanton Business Assistance Program - <u>click here</u>

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